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Mr. Kiet Nguyen, Art Unit 2506
c/o Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

RE: Serial # 07/911,405

Dear Mr. Nguyen,

In your Action of 7/10/95, after calling me on the telephone, you had most kindly proposed some modifications to the claims of the referenced application which put them in a condition for allowance. In reviewing the claims in light of your proposed amendments I found a number of things that bothered me. I think most of the difficulties stemmed from the fact that there had been a number of different people in the original attorney's office who had been involved in preparing and amending the original claims, perhaps a case of too many cooks spoiling the broth. Consequently, I made some additional amendments that I thought would put the claims that you had allowed into better statements of the invention. My amendments comprised most of the substance of my response of 10/10/95 which, for a number of reasons, had to be prepared somewhat hurriedly.

Since submitting that response I have carefully reviewed all the claims as I amended them and found a number of mistakes that I had made. In the course of that review I prepared a complete set of claims in complete form, amended so as to provide what I think is the best yet definition of the claimed invention in allowable form. These newly amended claims are set forth in the enclosure which is more or less in the format of a standard response to an Examiner's Office Action.

I now seek your advice on how best to achieve, if it is possible, the incorporation of these claims, or their substantial equivalent, into the application. I am not sufficiently versed in acceptable Patent Office procedures to know what changes may be permitted in an application after the final fee has been paid. I will be most grateful for your help and counsel on this matter.

Sincerely yours,


John B. Fenn